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SUBJ: GOM APPREHENDS 27 MEMBERS OF MAR-ACTION

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1. ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE ANNOUNCED NIGHT OF OCTOBER 25 THAT FEDERAL DISTRICT POLICE HAD ARRESTED 27 PERSONS, INCLUDING NINE WOMEN (ONE A SPANISH NATIONAL), IDENTIFIED AS MEMBERS OF MOVIMIENTO DE ACCION REVOLUCIONARIA (MAR-ACTION), FOUR OF THOSE ARRESTED, INCLUDING ONE OF THE WOMEN, SAID TO HAVE BEEN TRAINED IN NORTH KOREA IN 1969 AND 1970.

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2. AG'S STATEMENT RECOUNTS IN SOME DETAIL HOW, AFTER

APPREHENSION OF MAR-ACTION RINGLEADERS IN SPRING 1971, REMAINING MEMBERS DECIDED TO REGROUP, RECRUIT ADDITIONAL MEMBERS, STAGE ROBBERIES FOR LIVING EXPENSES AND PURCHASE OF WEAPONS, RENT HOUSES IN VARIOUS PARTS OF COUNTRY FOR TRAINING CENTERS, AND "IN GENERAL, CREATE CLIMATE OF VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM." STATEMENT ALSO DETAILS LIAISON EFFORTS WITH OTHER SUBVERSIVE GROUPS, INCLUDING FRENTE ESTUDIANTIL REVOLUCIONARIO AND "23 SEPTEMBER LEAGUE" IN GUADALAJARA; "PARTY OF THE POOR" LED BY LUCIO CABANAS BARRIENTOS IN GUERRERO; "UNION DEL PUEBLO" IN OAXACA AND FEDERAL DISTRICT; ETC.

3. SPECIFIC CRIMES WITH WHICH GROUP IS CHARGED ARE ROBBERIES IN JALISCO, OAXACA, QUERETARO, MICHOACAN, COAHUILA, CHIHUAHUA, AND FEDERAL DISTRICT. PRISONERS HAVE REPORTEDLY CONFESSED THAT THEY HAD UNDER SURVEILLANCE AND PLANNED TO KIDNAP MANAGERS OF TWO BANKS IN TOWN OF ZAMORA, MICHOACAN. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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4. COMMENT: THIS WRAP-UP WOULD APPEAR TO REPRESENT MORE GOOD POLICE WORK ON GOM'S PART AND IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTING FOR LIGHT IT SHEDS ON ATTEMPTS TO COORDINATE ACTIVITIES AMONG VARIOUS MEXICAN GUERRILLA GROUPINGS. THROUGH EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY GIVEN TO THESE ARRESTS, GOM MAY BE TRYING TO DEMONSTRATE TO THOSE DISTURBED BY RECENT KIDNAPPINGS AND MURDERS THAT IT IS INDEED DOING SOMETHING ABOUT LAW-AND-ORDER SITUATION. AG'S STATEMENT, IN REFERRING TO CAPTURE OF MAR-ACTION LEADERS IN EARLY 1971, RECALLS THAT THEY HAD TRAVELLED TO NORTH KOREA VIA EAST BERLIN AND MOSCOW BUT QUITE NATURALLY MAKES NO REFERENCE TO GOM'S RETALIATORY EXPULSION OF FIVE SOVIET EMBASSY PERSONNEL AT THE TIME.

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